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SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST SITUATION

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1. FOLLOWING FYI IS MIDDLE EAST SITUATION THROUGH EVENING OCTOBER 12:

2. MILITARY SITUATION: BY END OF OCTOBER 12 ISRAELI FORCES HAD PENETRATED ABOUT 20 KILOMETERS INTO SYRIA ALONG ROAD FROM QUNEITRA TO DAMASCUS. DESTRUCTION OF SYRIAN ARMED FORCES APPARENTLY REMAINS PRIME ISRAELI OBJECTIVE, WHILE ISRAELI INTENTIONS RE DAMASCUS STILL UNCLEAR. A SYRIAN COUNTER-ATTACK FROM SOUTHERN SECTOR OF GOLAN FRONT EARLY IN DAY FAILED WHEN ISRAELI FORCES, WHICH HAD EARLIER BROKEN THROUGH IN NORTH, TURNED SOUTHWARD AND MOVED BEHIND SYRIAN LINES. BOTH ISRAELI AND SYRIAN SOURCES REPORTED INTENSE FIGHTING, AND SOME IRAQI UNITS WERE APPARENTLY ALSO INVOLVED. MEANWHILE, A SAUDI BRIGADE WAS REPORTED TO BE PLANNING TO MOVE NORTH ACROSS JORDAN. ISRAEL CONTINUED AIR ATTACKS AGAINST SYRIAN AIRFIELDS AND OTHER TARGETS. SYRIAN AIRCRAFT, ATTEMPTING TO STEM ISRAELI ADVANCE, WERE COMMITTED IN LARGE NUMBERS AND

SUFFERED HEAVIEST LOSSES OF WAR -- 29 PLANES DOWNED ACCORDING TO ISRAEL.

3. SINAI FRONT WITNESSED RELATIVELY MINOR ACTIVITY DURING DAY, ALTHOUGH CONSIDERABLE ISRAELI AIR ACTIVITY CONTINUED OVER EGYPT.

4. USSR DENOUNCED ISRAELIS FOR SINKING SOVIET FREIGHTER IN TARTUS, AND DEMANDED AN END TO THE FIGHTING.

5. STORIES OF US INVOLVEMENT IN THE WAR CIRCULATED MORE WIDELY IN ARAB WORLD. MENA CARRIED BRIEFLY A CLAIM THAT U.S. CARRIER AIRCRAFT ATTACKED EGYPTIAN TARGETS. THE U.S.G. DENIED THE STORY. OTHER ARAB REPORTS CLAIMED USG WAS SUPPLYING ISRAEL WITH MORE FIGHTER AIRCRAFT. WITH NEW SIGNS OF ANTI-U.S. FEELING SURFACING, EFFORTS TO EVACUATE U.S. CITIZENS IN CAIRO AND AMMAN WERE STEPPED UP.

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6. THROUGH THE DAYLIGHT HOURS OF OCTOBER 12, SOVIET RE-SUPPLY FLIGHTS TO EGYPT AND SYRIA CONTINUED.

7. BOTH AMERICAN OIL COMPANIES OPERATING IN KUWAIT HAVE BEEN THREATENED WITH NATIONALIZATION IN EVENT U.S. SHOULD INTERVENE MILITARILY OR MAKE ARMS SHIPMENTS TO ISRAEL, ALTHOUGH THESE THREATS HAVE NOT BEEN OFFICIALLY

CONVEYED BY KUWAITI GOVERNMENT TO U.S.G. MEANWHILE, THERE HAS STILL BEEN NO DATE SET FOR MEETING OF ARAB OIL MINISTERS CALLED BY KUWAIT, ALTHOUGH KUWAITI OIL MINISTER ATEEQI TOLD AN AMERICAN OIL COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE MORNING OCTOBER 12 THAT HE STILL EXPECTS THIS MEETING TO CONVENE QUOTE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. UNQUOTE.

8. SECURITY COUNCIL HELD ANOTHER INCONCLUSIVE SESSION. PERHAPS MOST SIGNIFICANT SPEECH WAS MADE BY AUSTRALIA, WHICH ASKED FOR CEASEFIRE AS FIRST STEP TO PERMIT BREATHING SPACE TO FIND AREAS OF AGREEMENT. SPEECH ALSO PRAISED SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PRESS CONFERENCE REMARKS AS RESPONSIBLE VOICE OF A GREAT POWER. NIGERIA AND KENYA MADE RELATIVELY MODERATE PRO-ARAB SPEECHES, WHILE ISRAELI, SOVIET, AND ARAB DELEGATES ENGAGED IN STANDARD EXCHANGE OF RIGHTS OF REPLY.

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